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1. Geza Aracszy, Hungarian former officer of the Frenay Guard and owner of an import-export company at Innsbruck, has arrived recently in Rome. He claims to have contacted former Regent Nicholas Horthy through Horthy's brother Jeno. Aracszy stated that Horthy desired Hungarian Rightists now living abroad to accept Ferenc Keresztes-Fischer, former Minister of the Interior, as their leader in exile.

Keresztes now lives at Kammern at Attersee (Villa Jesensky). He worked closely with Horthy during the latter's regime and was chief of the Kettős-Kereszt-Vérszövetség, a semi-secret Hungarian society which was the "power behind the throne". Aracszy will contact Hungarian and other Balkan leaders in Italy.

2. János Stomfay-Stitz, former Hungarian Member of Parliament (MEP Party) left the French Zone in Austria and established residence in Bolzano. He frequently travels to Austria, Germany, France and Italy having visited Rome in November. His secretary is a man named Ronai who was a former employee of the Hungarian National Bank.

Stomfay has the following contacts:

- A. Sándor Eszse, former Hungarian Member of Parliament in Germany.
- B. Ferenc Krudy, former Deputy Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament in Rome.
- C. Ferenc Vajta, in Rome. (See paragraph 3).

Stomfay and Krudy plan to organize the 51 former members of the Hungarian Parliament in exile (MEP and Imrédy Parties) into a legislative body under Krudy and appoint a Government. It is not known whether Horthy approves.

3. Ferenc Vajta is a Hungarian journalist and war criminal who escaped from an American prison in Austria. He was in Rome during November and is enroute to Paris. His friends in Rome were informed by him that he will discuss his plans for the restitution of the former Hungarian regime with General DeGaulle. Vajta anticipates a leading role in drafting and executing French plans concerning Hungary. He will return to Rome prior to Christmas. While in Rome Vajta contact Stomfay, Krudy and General László Szabó, former envoy to Mussolini in 1944.

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